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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. The issue needs to be put to rest and Microsoft needs to be able to move on. The terms of the settlement are more than fair; Microsoft has agreed to give up a lot. The government needs to agree to the settlement and stop harassing Microsoft.

This government over regulation is a slap in the face to the free enterprise system. Microsoft is simply a better company than its competitors. Because of personal agendas and the influence of uncompetitive companies this entire issue arose. Now Microsoft has had to agree to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were at issue in the suit, simply to put the issue behind them.

After three long years this case needs to be wrapped up. Many investors have been hurt and in turn this has had an adverse effect on our ailing economy. The government is supposed to work for all the people not for a few special interest groups.

Please accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement and allow Microsoft to return to business.

Sincerely,

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